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# PREFACE

This report presents statistics on the number of inhabitants of the State, its counties, and minor civil divisions (townships, etc.). In addition, separate figures are also presented for urban places, wards of cities of 5,000 or more, and other areas of the State. These data are based upon tabulations from the Seventeenth Decennial Census of the population of the United States, its Territories, and possessions conducted as of April 1, 1950. Provision for the Seventeenth Decennial Census was made in the act providing for the Fifteenth and subsequent decennial censuses which was approved on June 18, 1929.

The major portion of the information compiled from the Census of Population of 1950 will appear in Volume I, Number of Inhabitants, and in Volume II, Characteristics of the Population. This report is a preprint of Chapter 8 (Delaware) of Volume I, which is to present, in a single publication, statistics on the number of inhabitants for each State.

The materials presented here will also appear as Chapter A of Part 8 (Delaware) of Volume II. Volume II will comprise a series of separately published parts, one for each State and a summary for the United States. The use of separate parts makes the basic materials on characteristics of the population for a given State available to the public in a single publication. Within the part for a State, Chapter A will recapitulate the statistics on the number and distribution of the population within a State; Chapter B will present statistics on the general characteristics of the population of the various political subdivisions of the State, such as counties, incorporated places, and the like; and Chapter C will present data on the detailed characteristics of the population of the larger areas within the State, such as cities of 100,000 inhabitants or more and standard metropolitan areas.

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# Number of Inhabitants

The State.—Delaware was one of the Thirteen Original States. Its population on April 1, 1950, according to the Seventeenth Census, was 318,085. The State has a land area of 1,978 square miles. In 1950 there was an average of 160.8 persons per square mile as compared with an average of 134.7 in 1940. Among the States and the District of Columbia, Delaware ranked forty-seventh in both population and land area.

In 1790 the State had a population of 59,096 (table 1). In 1950, 160 years later, its population was more than five times as large. The rate of population growth for the State was consistently below that of the Nation as a whole from 1790 to 1930. In the succeeding two decades, the State has grown at a more rapid rate than the Nation. The increase of 51,580 between 1940 and 1950 was the largest numerical intercensal gain in the history of the State, and the rate of growth, 19.4 percent, was second only to the rate experienced for the decade 1850 to 1860.

Usual place of residence.—According to usual Census practice, which dates back to 1790, each person enumerated in the 1950 Census was counted as an inhabitant of his usual place of residence or usual place of abode, which is generally construed to mean the place where he lives and sleeps most of the time. This place is not necessarily the same as his legal residence, voting residence, or domicile, although, in the vast majority of cases, these different bases of classification would be identical.

In the application of this rule, persons were not always counted as residents of the places in which they happened to be found by the census enumerators. Persons in places where guests usually pay for quarters (hotels, etc.) were enumerated on the night of April 11, and those whose usual place of residence was elsewhere were allocated to their homes. Visitors found staying in private homes, however, were not ordinarily interviewed there. Information on persons away from their usual place of residence was obtained from other members of their families, landladies, etc. If an entire family was expected to be away during the whole period of the enumeration, information on it was obtained from neighbors. A matching process was used to eliminate duplicate reports for persons who reported for themselves while away and were also reported by their families at home.

Persons in the armed forces quartered on military installations were enumerated as residents of the States, counties, and minor civil divisions in which their installations were located. Members of their families were enumerated where they actually resided. In the 1950 Census, college students living away from home were considered residents of the communities in which they were residing while attending college, rather than as persons temporarily absent from their parental homes as was the practice in 1940. In 1950 the crews of vessels of the American Merchant Marine in harbors of the United States were counted as part of the population of the ports in which their vessels were berthed on April 1, 1950. In 1940 such persons were treated as part of the population of the port from which the vessel operated. Inmates of institutions, who ordinarily lived there for long periods of time, were counted as inhabitants of the place in which the institution was located; whereas patients in general hospitals, who ordinarily have short stays, were counted at, or allocated to, their homes. All persons without a usual place of residence were counted where they were enumerated.

Urban and rural population.—The 1950 urban population of Delaware comprised 199,122 persons, or 62.6 percent of the total population of the State (table 1). This population was living in the nine urban places in the State and in other territory included in the urban fringe of Wilmington. Over half of the urban population of the State was living in the city of Wilmington (table 2).

The rural population of Delaware numbered 118,963 persons, or 37.4 percent of the total population of the State (table 1). Of the rural population, 16,312 persons, or 13.7 percent, were living in the 10 incorporated places of 1,000 to 2,500 inhabitants (table 2).

Urban definition.—Under the urban definition established for use in the 1950 Census, the urban population comprises all persons living in (a) places of 2,500 inhabitants or more incorporated as cities, boroughs, towns, and villages; (b) the densely settled urban fringe, including both incorporated and unincorporated areas, around cities of 50,000 or more; and (c) unincorporated places of 2,500 inhabitants or more outside any urban fringe. The remaining population is classified as rural. According to the urban definition used in previous censuses, the urban population comprised all persons living in incorporated places of 2,500 inhabitants or more and areas (usually minor civil divisions) classified as urban under special rules relating to population size and density.

In both definitions, the most important component of the urban territory is the group of incorporated places having 2,500 inhabitants or more. A definition of urban territory restricted to such places, however, would exclude a number of equally large and densely settled places, merely because they were not incorporated places. Under the old definition, an effort was made to avoid some of the more obvious omissions by the inclusion of the places urban under special rules. Even with these rules, however, many large and closely built-up places were excluded from the urban territory. To improve the situation in the 1950 Census, the Bureau of the Census set up, in advance of enumeration, boundaries for urban-fringe areas around cities of 50,000 or more and for unincorporated places outside urban fringes. All the population residing in urban-fringe areas and in unincorporated places of 2,500 or more is classified as urban according to the 1950 definition. (Of course, the incorporated places of 2,500 or more are urban in their own right.) Consequently, the special rules of the old definition are no longer necessary.

According to the 1950 urban definition, the urban population of Delaware included the 147,890 inhabitants of the nine incorporated places of 2,500 inhabitants or more and the 51,232 persons living in the two incorporated places of less than 2,500 inhabitants and in the unincorporated territory included in the urban fringe of Wilmington. Since there were no unincorporated places of 2,500 or more in Delaware and no places urban under special rule under the old definition, the difference in the distribution of the population of Delaware by urban and rural residence is that the new definition classifies as urban the 51,232 persons living in the urban fringe of Wilmington who would have been included in the rural population under the old definition.

<sup>1</sup> Except in New England, New York, and Wisconsin, where "towns" are minor civil divisions of countles and are not necessarily densely settled centers like the towns in other States.

Although the Bureau of the Census has employed other definitions in the course of its history, the statistics on the population by urban and rural residence for the years 1790 to 1940 are shown in accordance with the old definition. The 1950 statistics are shown in accordance with both the new and old definitions.

Trends of urban and rural population.—Trends in the urban and rural population can be examined only on the basis of the old definition. On this basis, the urban population rose from \$5,717 in 1900 to 147,890 in 1950. The largest numerical increase and the most rapid rate of growth in the 50-year period came in the 10-year period ending in 1920. For the decade 1940 to 1950, the increase was 8,548, or 6.1 percent (table 1). The proportion of the population classified as urban in 1950 was 46.5 percent, virtually the same percentage as in 1900. In contrast to the steady increase in the urban population of the State. Wilmington, the largest city in the State, lost population in two decades of the twentieth century, including the decade 1940 to 1950 (table 4). Nevertheless, the city accounted for more than a third of the 1950 population of the State (table 2).

The rural population of the State, which was 99,018 in 1900, increased to 170,195 in 1950 (table 1). More than half of the gain over the 50-year period came in the decade 1940 to 1950, when the rural population rose by 43,122, or 33.9 percent. This was the largest gain in the rural population in the history of the State. In 1900 the rural population constituted 53.6 percent of the population of the State as compared with 53.5 percent in 1950.

Counties.—The three counties in Delaware ranged in size from Kent with a population of 37,870 to New Castle with a population of 218,879 (table 5). As in the previous decade, all three counties gained between 1940 and 1950. New Castle County led in both the amount of increase and rate of growth. Kent County had the smallest numerical increase and rate of growth.

Minor civil divisions.—To the primary political divisions into which counties are subdivided, the Bureau of the Census applies the general term "minor civil divisions." In Delaware the minor civil divisions are called representative districts. Ordinarily, the incorporated cities and towns form subdivisions of the minor civil divisions in which they are located.

Table 6 shows the statistics on the population of each county by minor civil divisions for the last three censuses. The population of each city or town is shown in *italics* under the population of the district in which it is located. When a city or town lies in two or more districts, the population of the several parts is shown in table 6 under the appropriate district, and each part is designated by "part." Figures on the total population of such places are given in table 7. Changes between the 1940 and 1950 Censuses in the boundaries of areas listed are shown in notes to table 6. For changes in boundaries prior to the 1940 Census, see reports of the Sixteenth Census (1940), Population, Vol. I, page 195, and reports of earlier censuses.

Incorporated and unincorporated places.—Delaware had 50 places incorporated as cities and towns. These places ranged in size from Slaughter Beach town with a population of 85 to Wilmington with a population of 110,356 (table 7). There were 30,404 persons living in the 41 places of less than 2,500 inhabitants (table 2). There were no unincorporated places delineated in Delaware.

The only political units recognized as incorporated places in the 1950 Census are those which are incorporated as cities, boroughs, towns, and villages with the exception that towns are not recognized as incorporated places in the New England States, New York, and Wisconsin.

The Bureau of the Census has delineated boundaries for the thickly settled urban fringe around cities of 50,000 or more and has also delineated boundaries for unincorporated places of 1,000 or more which are densely settled population centers without corporate limits. Although there are unincorporated places within the urban fringe, it was not feasible to establish boundaries for such places and therefore they are not identified as separate places.

The count of urban places in the 1950 Census includes all incorporated places of 2,500 or more regardless of location and unincorporated places of 2,500 or more which are located outside urban-fringe areas. Incorporated places of less than 2,500 which lie in the urban fringe are not recognized as urban places.

Urbanized areas.—The only urbanized area in Delaware is the Wilmington Urbanized Area. The area, which extends into New Jersey, had a total population of 187,359. Of the 172,298 persons living in the Delaware part of the area, 110,356 were in Wilmington, the central city of the area, and 61,942 in its urban fringe. The urban fringe included 13,353 persons in the one city and three towns and 48,589 in the unincorporated part (table 9).

Each urbanized area contains at least one city with 50,000 inhabitants or more in 1940 or according to a special census taken since 1940, and some urbanized areas contain two or more cities of 50,000. Each urbanized area also includes the surrounding closely settled incorporated places and unincorporated areas that meet the criteria listed in the section below on "Urban fringe." Thus, the territory of an urbanized area may be classified into incorporated parts and unincorporated parts. (See Wilmington Urbanized Area map.)

Central cities.—Although an urbanized area may contain more than one city of 50,000 or more, not all cities of this size are necessarily central cities. The largest city of an area is always a central city. In addition, the second and third most populous cities in the area may qualify as central cities provided they have a population of at least one-third of that of the largest city in the area and a minimum of 25,000 inhabitants. The names of the individual urbanized areas indicate the central cities of the areas.

An urbanized area may also be divided into central city or cities and urban fringe as defined below.

Urban fringe.—The urban fringe includes that part of the urbanized area which is outside the central city or cities. The following types of areas are embraced if they are contiguous to the central city or cities or if they are contiguous to any area already included in the urban fringe:

- Incorporated places with 2,500 inhabitants or more in 1940 or at a subsequent special census conducted prior to 1950.
- 2. Incorporated places with fewer than 2,500 inhabitants containing an area with a concentration of 100 dwelling units or more with a density in this concentration of 500 units or more per square mile. This density represents approximately 2,000 persons per square mile and normally is the minimum found associated with a closely spaced street pattern.
- 3. Unincorporated territory with at least 500 dwelling units per square mile.
- 4. Territory devoted to commercial, industrial, transportational, recreational, and other purposes functionally related to the central city.

Also included are outlying noncontiguous areas with the required dwelling unit density located within 1½ miles of the main contiguous urbanized part, measured along the shortest connecting highway, and other outlying areas within one-half mile of such noncontiguous areas which meet the minimum residential density rule.





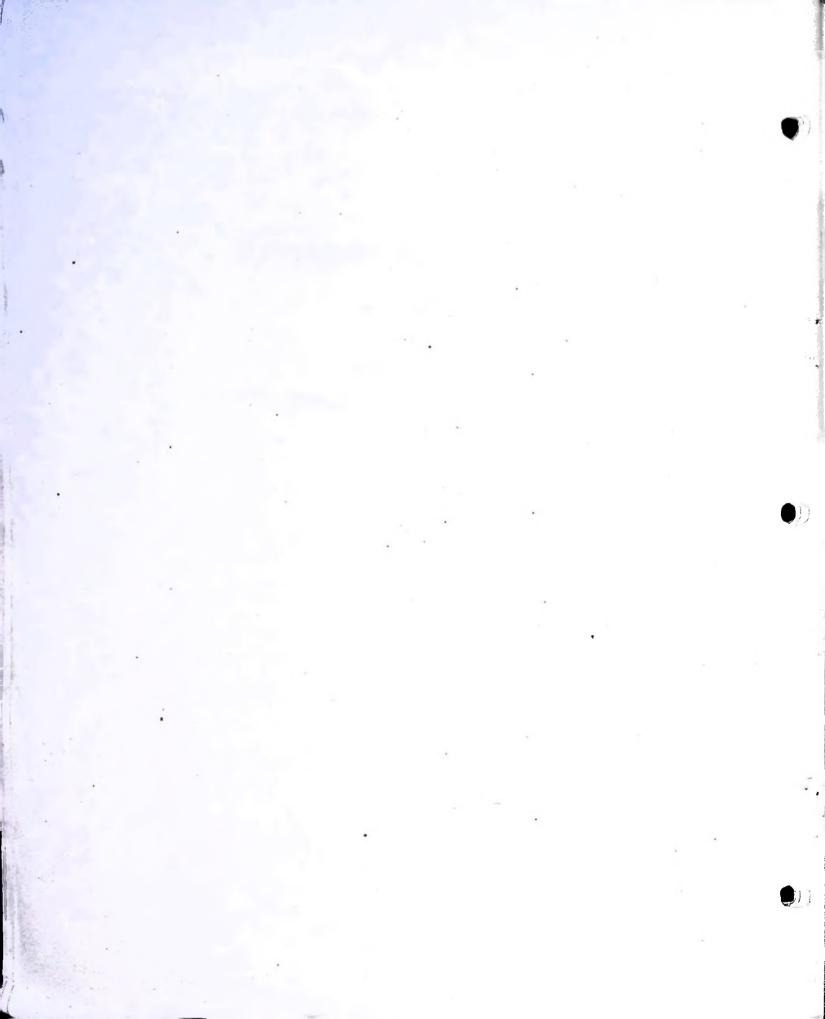
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# Delaware

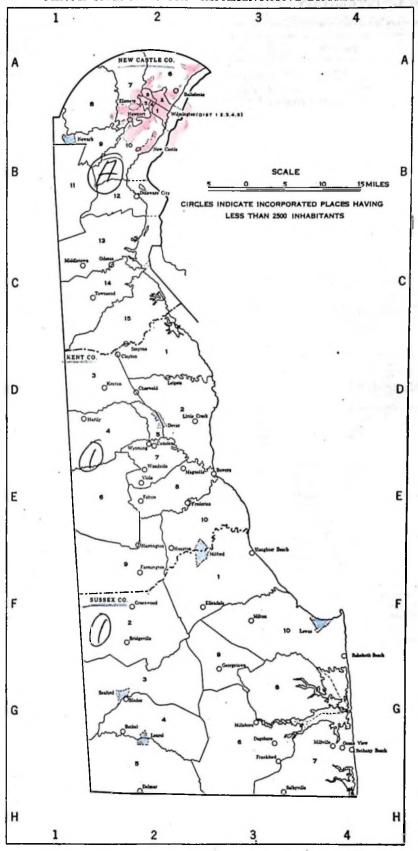
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# MINOR CIVIL DIVISIONS—REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICTS



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# Table 1.—POPULATION OF DELAWARE, URBAN AND RURAL: 1790 TO 1950

[For description of new and old urban definitions, see text. Minus sign (--) denotes decrease. Percent not shown where base is less than 100]

		The State		_	Urban	territory			Rural territor	Percent of	f total	
Census date	Population		Increase over pre- ceding census		Population	Increase over preceding census		Population	Increase over preceding census		Urban	Rural
A		Number	Percent	urban places i		Number	Percent		Number	Percent	0.000	
New urban definition, 1950 (Apr. 1).	318, 085	51, 580	19. 4	9	199, 122			118, 963			62. 6	37.
Old urban dafinition: 1950 (Apr. 1). 1940 (Apr. 1). 1930 (Apr. 1). 1920 (Apr. 1). 1910 (Apr. 15).	266, 505 238, 380 223, 003	51, 580 28, 125 15, 377 20, 681 17, 587	19. 4 11. 8 6. 9 10. 2 9. 5	9 8 5 4	147, 890 139, 432 123, 146 120, 767 97, 085	8, 458 16, 286 2, 379 23, 682 11, 368	6. 1 13. 2 2. 0 24. 4 13. 3	170, 195 127, 073 115, 234 102, 236 105, 237	43, 122 11, 839 12, 998 -3, 001 6, 219	33.9 10.3 12.7 -2.9 6.3	40. 5 52. 3 51. 7 54. 2 48. 0	53. 4 47. 1 48. 3 45. 8 52. 6
1900 (June 1). 1890 (June 1). 1880 (June 1). 1870 (June 1).	168, 493 146, 608 125, 015	16, 242 21, 885 21, 593 12, 799 20, 684	9. 6 14. 9 17. 3 11. 4 22. 6	4 4 3 1	85, 717 71, 067 48, 989 30, 841 21, 258	14, 650 22, 078 18, 148 9, 583 7, 279	20, 6 45, 1 58, 8 45, 1 52, 1	99, 018 97, 426 97, 619 94, 174 90, 958	1,592 193 3,445 3,216 13,405	1.6 -0.2 3.7 3.5 17.3	46. 4 42. 2 33. 4 24. 7 18. 9	53. 6 57. 6 66. 6 75. 81,
1850 (June 1 1840 (June 1 1830 (June 1 1820 (Aug. 7) 1810 (Aug. 6 1800 (Aug. 4) 1790 (Aug. 2)	78, 085 76, 748 72, 749 72, 674 64, 273	13, 447 1, 337 3, 999 75 8, 401 5, 177	17. 2 1. 7 5. 5 0. 1 13. 1 8. 8			5, 612 8, 367		76, 748	7, 835 -7, 030 3, 999 75 8, 401 5, 177	11. 2 -9. 2 5. 5 0. 1 13. 1 8. 8	15. 3 10. 7	84. 89 100. 100. 100. 100.

According to the new urban definition, the urban population comprises persons residing in urban territory but not necessarily in an urban place, which is defined as an incorporated place of 2,500 or more, or an unincorporated place of 2,500 or more located outside an urbanized area. Under the old definition, incorporated places of 2,500 or more and places urban under special rule are classified as urban places. In Delaware there were no unincorporated urban places in 1950 nor any places urban under special rule in 1940.
 Includes 51,232 persons in urban territory outside of urban places.

Table 2.—POPULATION IN GROUPS OF PLACES ACCORDING TO SIZE: 1950

Type of area and size of place	Number of places	Popula- tion	Percent of total popula- tion	Percent of total	· Type of area and size of place	Number of places	Popula- tion	Percent of total popula- tion	Percent of total
The State		318, 085 199, 122	100, 0 62, 6	100.0	Urban, total—Con. Outside urbanized areas		26, 824 18, 133	8. 4 5. 7	13.5
Within urbanised area. Central cities, total	1	172, 298 110, 356 110, 356	54.2 34.7 34.7	86, 5 55, 4 55, 4	Places of 2,500 to 5,000	3 	8, 691 118, 963	2.7 37.4	100,0
Cities of 50,000 to 100,000					Places under 2,500.  Places of 2,000 to 2,500.  Places of 1,500 to 2,000.	3	27, 761 4, 587 5, 472	8.7 1.4 1.7	23.3 3.9 4.0
Urban fringes, total Incorporated places of 2,500 or more Incorporated places of 5,000 to 10,000	2 2	61, 942 10, 710 10, 710	19. 5 3. 4 3. 4	31.1 5.4 5.4	Places of 1,000 to 1,500 Places under 1,000 Other rural territory	29 	6, 253 11, 449 91, 202	2.0 3.6 28.7	5, 3 9, 0 76, 1
Incorporated places of 2,500 to 5,000 Incorporated places under 2,500 Incorporated places of 1,000 to 1,500 Incorporated places under 1,000	2 2	2, 643 2, 643	0. 8 0. 8	1.3 1.3	Urbanized areas, total		172, 298 172, 298	54, 2	100.0
Unincorporated territory		48, 589	15.3	24. 4	Areas of 50,000 to 100,000				

There were 9 places of 2,500 or more.

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# . Table 3.—POPULATION IN GROUPS OF PLACES ACCORDING TO SIZE: 1900 TO 1950

	19	50					
Subject and class of place	New urban definition	Old urban definition	1940	1930	1920	1910	1900
NUMBER OF PLACES Urban territory	11	9	8	5	. 4	4	
• 1 221	9		8	5	4	4	
Places of 2,500 or more. Places of 100,000 to 250,000.	:  î	ľ	1	ľ	ī	<u>-</u> -	
Places of 50,000 to 100,000. Places of 25,000 to 50,000.						1	
Places of 10.000 to 25.000							
Places of 5,000 to 10,000 Places of 2,500 to 5,000	. 5	5 3	1 6	4	3	3	[
Places under 2,500	2						
Rural territory	•	41	44	47	46	42	8
Pinces of 1,000 to 2,500	10 29	12 29	10 34	11 36	9 37	10 32	
Cumulative summary:		,	١,	,	,		
Places of 100,000 or more. Places of 50,000 or more.	1	l i	1	i	ī	1	
Places of 25 000 or more	. 1	1	1	1	1	1	
Places of 10,000 or more	1 6	6	1 2	i	İ	l il	
Places of 5,000 or more Places of 2,500 or more	9	9	8	5	4	4	
POPULATION Urban territory	199, 122	147, 890	139, 432	123, 146	120,767	97, 085	85,71
Places of 2 500 or more	147, 890	147, 890	139, 432	123, 146	120, 767	97, 085	85, 71
Places of 2,500 or more. Places of 100,000 to 250,000.	110, 350	110, 356	112,504	106, 597	110, 168		78, 50
Places of 50,000 to 100,000 Places of 25,000 to 50,000						87, 411	70, 30
Places of 10,000 to 25,000 Places of 5,000 to 10,000		28, 813	5, 517				
Places of 2,500 to 5,000.	8, 691	8, 691	21, 411	16, 549	10, 599	9, 674	9, 20
Other urban territory	51, 232						
Rural territory	118, 963	170, 195	127, 073	115, 234	102, 236	105, 237	99,01
Places of 1,000 to 2,500.	16, 312	18, 955 11, 440	15, 996 13, 841	17, 744 14, 050	16, 255 15, 424	16, 866	14, 78
Places of 1,000 to 2,500 Places under 1,000. Other rural territory	11, 449 91, 202	11, 449 139, 791	13, 841 97, 236	83, 440	15, 424 70, 557	12, 161 76, 210	9, 54 74, 68
Cumulative summary:							
Places of 100,000 or more Places of 50,000 or more	110, 356 110, 356	110, 356 110, 356	112, 504 112, 504	106, 597 106, 597	110, 168 110, 168	87, 411	76, 50
Places of 25 000 or more	110, 356	110.356	112,504	106, 597	110, 168	87.411	76, 50
Places of 10,000 or more.	110, 356	110, 356 139, 199	112, 504 118, 021	106, 597	110, 168 110, 168	87, 411 87, 411	76, 50
Places of 2,500 or more	139, 199 147, 890	147, 890	139, 432	106, 597 123, 146	120, 767	97, 085	76, 50 85, 71
PERCENT OF TOTAL POPULATION Urban territory	62.6	46, 5	52, 3	51.7	54, 2	48.0	46,
Theres of 2 500 or more	46.5	46.5	52.3	51.7	54.2	48.0	46.
Places of 100,000 to 250,000	34.7	34.7	42.2	44.7	49. 4		
Pinces of 50,000 to 100,000						43. 2	41.
Places of 10,000 to 25,000	l						
Places of 5,000 to 10,000	9.1 2.7	9. 1 2. 7	2.1 8.0	6.9	4. 8	4.8	5.
Places of 2,500 to 5,000 Other urban territory							
Rural territory	37.4	53, 5	47.7	48.3	45, 8	52,0	53.
Places of 1,000 to 2,500	5. 1 3. 6	6. 0 3. 6	6.0 5.2	7. 4 5. 9	7.3 6.9	8.3	8. 5. 40.
Places under 1,000. Other rural territory.	28.7	43.9	36.5	35.0	31.6	37. 7	40.
Cumulative summary: Places of 100,000 or more	34.7	34.7	42.2	44, 7	49.4		
Tile con of \$0 000 or 100m	3-L.7	34.7	42.2	44.7	49. 4	43. 2	41.
Places of 25,000 or more.	34. 7 34. 7	34.7 34.7	42.2 42.2	41.7 41.7	49, 4 49, 4	43. 2 43. 2	41.
Places of 5 000 or more	43.8	43.8	44.3	44.7	49. 4	43.2	41. 41.
Places of 2,500 or more	46.5	46.5	52.3	51.7	54. 2	48.0	40.

Table 4.—POPULATION OF CITIES OF 10,000 OR MORE FROM EARLIEST CENSUS TO 1950

[Minus sign (-) denotes decrease]

City and consus year	Population	COL	or preceding	City and census year	Population	Increase over precedin		
		Number	Percent			Number	Percent	
Wilmington: 1930	110, 356 112, 504 108, 597 110, 168 87, 411 76, 508	-2, 148 5, 907 -3, 571 22, 757 10, 903 15, 077	-1, 9 5.5 -3, 2 26.0 14.3 24.5	Wilmington—Con. 1800. 1880. 1870. 1860. 1850. 1840.	61, 431 42, 478 30, 841 31, 258 13, 979 8, 367	18, 953 11, 637 9, 583 7, 279 5, 612	44. 6 37. 7 45. 1 52. 1 67. 1	

# Table 5.—AREA AND POPULATION OF COUNTIES, URBAN AND RURAL: 1930 TO 1950

[Figures in italics are shown only for those counties where change in definition affects urban and rural classification]

		Total population						Urban population			Rur	Rural population			t urban	
County	Map refer- ence (see p. 8-3)	Land area in square miles, 1950	195 Total	Per square mile	1940	1930	Percent 1940 to 1950	increase 1930 to 1940	1950	1940	Percent Increase	1950	1940	Percent increase	1950	1940
The StateOld urban definition		1,978	318, 085	160, 8	266, 505	238, 380	19. 4	11.8	199, 122 147, 890	139, 432	6.1	118, 963 170, 195	127,073	33.9	62, 6 46, 5	52.3
Kent New Castle Old urban definition	D-1 A-2	595 437	37, 870 218, 879	63, 6 500, 9	34, 441 179, 562	31, \$41 161, 032	10.0 21.9	8. 2 11. 5	8, 477 179, 029 127, 797	7, 467 124, 013	13.5	29, 303 39, 850 91, 082	26, 974 55, 549	0.0	22. 4 81. 8 58. 4	21.7
Sussex	F-1	946	61, 336	64.8	52, 502	45, 507	16.8	15. 4		7, 952	46.1	49, 720	44, 550	11.6	18.9	15.1

#### Table 6.—POPULATION OF COUNTIES BY MINOR CIVIL DIVISIONS: 1930 TO 1950

[Districts shown here are representative districts. Total population of a place located within 2 or more minor civil divisions appears in table 7. Boundary changes between 1940 and 1940, see reports of 16th Census (1940), Population, Vol. I, p. 195]

County and minor civil division	1950	1940	1930	County and minor civil division	1950	1940	1930	County and minor civil division	1950	1940	1930
Kent County	37,870	34,441	31,841	New Castle County	218,879	179, 562	161,032	Sussex County	61,336	52, 502	45,507
District 1 1	4, 422	3, 506	3, 229	District 1	11.515	12, 262	13, 278	District 1 3	7, 254	5, 936	5, 270
Clayton town (part)	299	519	238	Wilmington city (part)		12,262	13.278	Ellendale town	321	287	268
Leipsic town (part)	4			District 2		35,082	31, 299	Milford city (part) *	2,925	2.264	1,99.
Smyrna town (part) 1	2.546	1.870	1.958	Wilmington city (part)	95 769	35.082	51.299	Slaughter Beach town	85	16	
District 2	4, 248	3,530	3, 133					District 2	5, 849	5,315	4.32
Chearcold town (part)	31	45	62	District 3	21, 417	22, 843	21, 222	Bridgetille town	1.468	1.180	98
Dover city (part)	1, 141	1.131	911	Wilmington city (part)	21,417	22, 848	21,222	Greenwood town	746	578	52
Leipsic town (part) 1	249	210	254	District 4	9,078	9,877	9, 352				
Little Creek town	266	242	223	Wilmington city (part)	9,078	9,877	9.352	District 3.	7, 815	6, 350	5, 18
District 3	2,671	2, 527	2,586	District 5 2	32,584	32, 440	31,446	Seaford city 1	3,087	2,804	2, 46
Cheswold town (part)	261	187	149	Wilmington city (part) 2	32, 584	32, 440	31,446	District 4	4, 446	3, 448	2, 953
Clayton town (part) 1	526	571	586				1	Bethel town	271	245	215
Kenton town	211	233	175	District 6		14, 426	10, 917	Blades town	789	601	46
District 4	2,555	2,502	2, 292	Bellefonte town	1,472	2.593	761	Laurel town (part)	379	331	26
Hartly town	159	125	101	District 72	32, 224	18,696	14, 317	District 5 2.	7.139	6, 804	6, 31
District 5	6,052	5, 169	4, 363	Elamere town	5.514	1,630	1.323	Del mar town 3	1.015	0,881	838
Dorer city (part)	5,082	4.586	3, 859	Newport lown.		937	947	Laurel town (part)	2.321	2. 553	2,27
District 6.	2,168	2, 274	2, 352	District S		5, 662	4, 453		1		
Harrington city (part)	406	368	336	**				District 6	6, 470	5, 779	4, 83
District 7	3, 838	3,745	3, 393	District 9		6.398	5, 476	Dagsboro town	474	222	19
Camden town	606	682	164	Newark town (part)	6,639	4. 424	3, 899	Frankford town	618	563	45
Viola town	154	113	103	District 10	21, 824	10.245	8, 261	Millsboro town	470	432	47.
H'oodside foren	157	189	140	New Cartle city.	5.396	4.414	4. 131	District 7	6, 195	5, 415	4, 75
Wyoming town	911	870	188	[]			1	Bethany Beach town	190	152	11
District 8	3, 269	3, 200	3.040	District 11	2, 599	1, 970	1,881	Milleille town	270	184	19.
Bowers town		328	216	Newark town (part)	92	78	*******	Ocean View town	450	406	37
Felton town	455	442	463	District 12	3,053	2, 771	2, 635	Selbyrille town	1,086	882	66
Frederica town	675	645	589	Delaware City town	1,363	1.163	1.605	District 8	2,536	1,864	1,80
Magnolia town		218	175	District 13		3, 685	3, 457				
District 9.	4, 418	4, 288	4,043	Middletown town		1.529	1,247	District 9.	3,563	3, 456	3,06
Farmington town	115	120	117	Odessa town (part) 1.		391	385	Georgetown town		1,820	1,76
Harrington city (part)	1,835	1,745	1,476			1	1	District 10 1.	10,069	8, 135	6, 99
District 101	4, 229	3,700	3, 410	District 142	2, 175	2,035	1,939	Leices town	2,904	2,246	1,92
Houston town	552	296	254	Townsend town		544	421	Milton town 1	1,321	1, 198	1, 13
Milford city (port)	2.254	1.950	1.725	District 15?	1,321	1,170	1,099	Rehoboth Beach city 1	1,794	1,247	79

<sup>1</sup> Kent.—Lelpsic town, in districts 1 and 2, returned in 1940 as in district 2 only. Smyrna town, in Kent and New Castle Counties, returned in 1940 as in Kent County only. Clayton town total for 1940 includes population (77) of St. Josephs Industrial School, not returned as in Clayton town in 1950. Part of district 10, Kent County, and part of district 1, Sussex County, annexed to Miliord city in 1941.

<sup>1</sup> New Castle.—Part of district 7 annexed to district 5 and Wilmington city in 1947. Odessa town, in districts 13 and 14, returned in 1940 as in district 13 only, that part of Odesso town loaded in district 14 had no population reported in 1959. Smyrna town, in New Castle (district 15) and Kent Counties, returned in 1940 as in Kent County only; that part of Smyrna town in New Castle County had no population reported in 1959.

<sup>1</sup> Stysex.—Part of district 1, Sussex County, and part of district 10, Kent County, annexed to Milford city in 1941. Seaford city returned in 1940 as Seaford town. Part of district 5 annexed to Delmar town in 1945. Part of district 10 annexed to Milton town in 1945. Rehoboth Beach city returned in 1940 as Rehoboth town. For population of Delmar town in Maryland, soe footnote on table 7.

#### Table 7.—POPULATION OF INCORPORATED PLACES: 1950 AND 1940

(\*) denotes an incorporated place under 2,500 located in an urbanized area. Specific unincorporated places inside urbanized areas not separately identified and therefore not listed in this table. For 1930 population of incorporated places, see table 6]

City or town	County	1950	1940	City or town	County	1950	1940	City or town	County	1950	1940
Bellefonte" Bethany Beach Bethel Blades Bowers	Kent	759 264	2, 593 152 245 601 328	Frederica Georgetown Greenwood Harrington Hartly	Sussex	675 1, 923 746 2, 241 139	645 1,820 573 2,113 125	Milton \Sewark New Castle Newport* Ocean View	New Castle	1, 321 6, 731 5, 396 1, 171 450	1, 19 4, 50 4, 41 98 40
Bridgeville Camden Cheswold Clayton Dagsboro Delaware City	Kent Kent Kent Sussey	606 292 825	1, 180 682 232 890 222 1, 163	Houston Kenton Jaurel Leljiste Lewes	Kent	332 211 2,700 253 2,901	296 233 2,884 210 2,216	Odessa Rehoboth Beach Seaford Selby ville Slaughter Beach	New Castle Sussex Sussex Sussex Sussex		1, 24 2, 80 88
Delmar 1 Dover Ellendale Elsmere Farmington Felton Frankford	Sussex Kent Sussex New Castle Kent	1, 015 6, 223 321 5, 314 113 455	5,517 287 1,630 120 442 563	Little Creek Magnolia Middletown Millord Millsboro Millsboro Millyille	Kent Kent New Castle Kent Sussex Sussex Sussex	1, 755 } 5, 179	242 218 1,529 4,214 432 184	Smyrna Townsend Viola Woodside Wilmington Wyoming	New Castlo	441 134 157 110, 356	1, 8 5 1 1: 112, 5

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Population of Delmar town, Wicomico County, Md., 1,328 in 1950, 1,184 in 1940, and 1,180 in 1930.

#### Table 8.—POPULATION OF CITIES OF 5,000 OR MORE, BY WARDS: 1950

[Other incorporated places of 5,000 or more (Dover city, Elsmere and Newark towns) have no wards]

City and ward	Population	City and ward	Population	City and ward	Population	City and ward	Population
Milford	2, 173 752	Ward 2	5,396 1,259 871 1,709 1,557	Wilmington Ward 1 Ward 2 Ward 3 Ward 4 Ward 5	110, 356 2, 521 4, 820 4, 003 3, 148 11, 548 4, 711	Ward 7	16, 920 3, 097 26, 501 6, 054 10, 067 11, 966

#### Table 9.—POPULATION OF URBANIZED AREAS: 1950

Area	Population	Area	Population
WILMINGTON URBANIZED AREA  The area  Wlimington city. Outside city. The urbanized area includes the following minor civil divisions and parts of minor civil divisions.  In Delaware.  New Castle County (part). District 1. Wlimington city (part). District 2. Wilmington city (part). District 3. Wilmington city (part). District 4. Wilmington city (part). District 4. Wilmington city (part).	172, 298	In Delaware—Con.  New Castle County (part)—Con.  District 5.  Wilmington city (part).  District 6 (part).  Bellefonte town  District 7 (part).  Eismere town  Newport town  District 8 (part).  District 10 (part).  New Castle city.  In New Jersey.  Salem County (part)  Lower Penns Neck township (part).  Penns Grove borough.  Upper Penns Neck township (part).	32, 554 10, 644 1, 472 27, 127 5, 314 1, 171 2, 355 15, 816 5, 396 15, 061

#### WILMINGTON URBANIZED AREA MAP

The Wilmington Urbanized Area, for which statistics are shown in table 9, is depicted in the following map. The shaded areas, in combination, comprise the urbanized area. To assist in locating the exact external boundaries of the area, each boundary feature (street segment, political boundary, or other) has been assigned a number. The boundary segments thus numbered are shown on the map and the features to which they apply are presented in the following key.

#### KEY TO NUMBERED BOUNDARY SEGMENTS

Main urbanized part: (1) Property line of Dupont Country Club Golf Course, (2) Rockland Rd., (3) New Bridge Rd., (4) property line of Alapocas Woods, (5) Edgewood Rd., (6) Alapocas Dr., (7) School Rd., (8) Edgewood Rd., (9) North Dupont St., (10) corporate limits of Wilmington, (11) extension of Lea Blvd., (12) property line of Rock Manor Golf Course, (13) Concord Ave. (Concord Turnpike), (14) property line of Rock Manor Golf Course, (15) extension of Matson Run Pkwy., (16) corporate limits of Wilmington, (17) Wilmington-Philadelphia Turnpike, (18) Marsh Rd., (19) Woodland Dr., (20) Brighton Rd.,

(19) Woodland Dr., (20) Brighton Rd.,
(21) Washington Blvd., (22) Northside Dr., (23) Marsh Rd.,
(24) Washington Blvd., (25) extension of Sonora Ave. and Sonora
Ave., (26) Parkway, (27) corporate limits of Bellefonte, (28)
Brandywine Blvd., (29) Bellevue Rd., (30) Woodsdale Rd., (31)
Seton Dr., (32) Bellevue Rd., (33) River Rd., (34) corporate limits
of Bellefonte, (35) River Rd., (36) Lore Ave. and Lore Ave. extension, (37) Pennsylvania R. R., (38) Edgewood Rd., (39) property line of Clifton Park, (40) Spruce St.,

erty nne of Chiton Fark, (40) Spruce St.,

(41) corporate limits of Wilmington, (42) Delaware-New Jersey
State line, (43) River Rd., (44) North Broad St., (45) U. S. Hwy.
130 (State Hwy. 44), (46) P. & R. R. R., (47) corporate limits of
Penns Grove, (48) Morgan Avc., (49) Miller Avc., (50) State Hwy.
48 (East Main St.), (51) 10th St., (52) Herold Avc. and Herold
Avc. extension, (53) Dupont Rd. (11th St.), (54) 4th Avc., (55)
Laurel Avc. (13th St.), (56) Georgetown Rd., (57) GolfviewPedricktown Rd., (58) Pedricktown Rd. (Carneys Point Rd.),
(59) Manor Avc., (60) Garden Lane,
(61) Plant 1 Rd. (Springfield Avc.) (69) U. S. Hurr, 120 (Clabella)

(61) Plant 1 Rd. (Springfield Ave.), (62) U. S. Hwy. 130, (State Hwy. 44), (63) Pine St., (64) Penns Ave., (65) Main St., (66) Hopewell Ave. and Hopewell Ave. extension, (67) Salem Canal, (68) U. S. Hwy. 130 and 40 (North Broadway), (69) Churchtown

Rd., (70) Washington Dr., (71) Jefferson Ave., (72) Hamilton Ave., (73) Washington Dr., (74) Heron Ave., (75) U. S. Hwy. 130 and 40, (76) Oliver Ave., (77) Queen Ave., (78) Delaware Ave., (79) Queen Ave., (80) Union St.,

(79) Queen Ave., (80) Union St.,
(81) Sparks Ave., (82) East Pittsfield Ave., (83) Church St.,
(84) State Hwy. 44 (South Broadway), (85) Dunn Lane, (86)
Riviera Ave. (Carlock Ave.), (87) Highland Ave. and Highland
Ave. extension, (88) Delaware-New Jersey State line, (89) corporate limits of Wilmington, (90) extension of Harrisburg Ave. and
Harrisburg Ave., (91) New Castle Ave., (92) corporate limits of
Wilmington, (93) South Market St., (94) P. & R. R. R., (95) extension of Suttons Lane and Suttons Lane, (96) New Castle Ave.,
(97) Rogers Rd., (98) Dupont Blvd., (99) Hazeldell Ave., (100)
Houston St. and Houston St. extension,

(101) property line of Gracelawn Memorial Park, (102) Dupont Blvd., (103) Stahl Ave., (104) Dupont Blvd., (105) Churchman Rd., (106) Hog Swamp Rd., (107) Newport and Gap Turnpike (Basin Rd.), (108) None-Such Creek, (109) Dist. 7-Dist. 10 line, (110) corporate limits of Newport, (111) Pennsylvania R. R., (112) Pleasant Hills Disposal Plant Rd., (113) Wilmington-Christiana Turnpike, (114) State St., (115) Washington Ave., (116) Delaware Ave., (117) Cleveland Ave., (118) Maryland Ave., (119) Washington Ave. and Washington Ave. extension, (120) Newport and Gap Turnpike,

(121) Kiamensi Rd., (122) Newport Ave., (123) B. & O. R. R., (124) extension of Binstead St. and Binstead St., (125) Greenbank Rd., (126) Wilmington-Christiana Turnpike, (127) Dist. 7-Dist. 8 line, (128) branch of Red Clay Creek, (129) extension of Mill Rd. and Mill Rd., (130) Limestone Rd., (131) B. & O. R. R., (132) Calf Run, (133) New Capitol Trail, (134) Duncan Rd. and Duncan Rd. extension, (135) Dist. 7-Dist. 8 line, (136) Newport and Gap Turnpike, (137) Faulkland Rd., (138) Dist. 7-Dist. 8 line, (139) property line of New Castle County Workhouse, (140) Newport-Centerville Rd.,

Centerville Rd.,

(141) Park Dr., (142) Maine Ave. and Maine Ave. extension,
(143) branch of Little Mill Creek, (144) Capitol Trail (New Rd.),
(145) corporate limits of Elsmere, (146) Reading R. R., (147)
Lancaster Turnpike, (148) Ferris School Rd. (Centre Rd.), (149)
property line of Dupont Flying Field, (150) Reading R. R., (151)
Barley Mill Rd., (152) Kent Rd., (153) Berkeley Rd., (154)
Wilmington-Kennett Turnpike (Pennsylvania Ave.), (155) Brecks
Lane, (156) Barley Mill Rd., (157) New Bridge Rd., (158) Dist.
6-Dist. 7 line, (159) property line of Dupont Country Club, (160)
Husbands Rd.

Outlying urbanized parts: (161) Concord Ave., (162) Silverside Rd., (163) Shipley Rd., (164) Faulk Rd., (165) Murphy Rd., (166) Shellpot Creek, (167) Faulk Rd., (165) Murphy Rd., (166) Shellpot Creek, (167) Faulk Rd., (168) Clearview Ave., (169) Jefferson Ave., (170) Brookside Pl., (171) Harrison Ave., (172) Holly Oak Rd., (173) Garfield Ave., (174) Delaware Ave., (175) Grant Ave. and Grant Ave. extension, (176) Holly Oak Creek, (177) extension of McKinley Ave. Ave. (180) Grubb Rd. (Harvey Rd.), (181) The Highway Rd., (182) Sherwood Rd., (183) Marsh Rd., (184) branch of Naaman's Creek, (185) Darley Ave., (186) branch of Naaman's Creek, (187) property line of Worth Steel Co., (188) Naaman's Rd., (189) Wilmington-Phila-

delphia Turnpike, (190) Pennsylvania R. R., (191) Delaware-Pennsylvania state line, (192) Delaware River, (193) extension of Holly Oak Rd. and Holly Oak Rd., (194) Wilmington-Philadelphia Turnpike.

(195) Hillview Ave., (196) West Hillview Ave., (197) Lambsons Lane, (198) East Ave., (199) 11th St., (200) West Ave., (201) New Castle Ave.,

(202) Cherry Lane, (203) Pennsylvania R.R., (204) corporate limits of New Castle, (205) property line of Wilmington Airport (Bellanca Field), (206) New Castle-Frenchtown Turnpike, (207) corporate limits of New Castle, (208) New Castle Ave.

### WILMINGTON URBANIZED AREA

